

THE BELDING BANNER

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THURSDAY, MAY 2, 1895.

The aim of the May Festival, which will be given at Ann Arbor, May 17 and 18, is primarily educational. Under the control of the University of Michigan, which is the head of our educational system, it endeavors to bring within the reach of the people of the state that which is best in music, just as the other departments of university work try to present that which is best in other ranges of science and professional skill. Nowhere else, outside of three or four of the largest cities, will such concerts be heard as those announced for the Festival. The soloists are of world-wide reputation. The orchestra stands in the front rank. The chorus is famous as the largest students' chorus in the world, and one of the best conducted to be found anywhere. This year there is an additional attraction in the Columbian organ. This festival is the first occasion afforded to the people of the state in general to hear the finest organ in the world, for the half-fare railroad rate makes it possible from all parts of the state at comparatively slight expense.

Senator Briggs introduced a bill in the legislature to prohibit publishers of newspapers who send their papers to people without any authority whatever from collecting pay for the same. The bill as amended by the Senate committee is short and simple, and reads as follows: "When any publisher of any newspaper or periodical shall send by mail or deliver any newspaper or periodical for a longer period than that ordered by the subscriber or when not ordered at all, such publisher shall be deemed to intend that the person to whom such paper is sent is to receive the same free of charge, and such publisher shall have no legal claim whatever against the person to whom such paper is sent." The BANNER approves of this measure. It would do much toward aiding publishers to adopt the cash in advance system, and protect the public from the unscrupulous ones who persist in forcing their papers upon it regardless of orders.

Another meeting of the Royal Templars was held Friday night, April 26, at which time, Triumph Council, No. 32, was duly and regularly instituted by Grand Secretary L. D. Randall, assisted by P. G. C. H. L. Bower, of Greenville. The following officers were elected and installed for balance of term:

Select Councilor—L. S. Morris, M. D.
Past Councilor—Z. W. Gooding.
Vice Councilor—Miss Maude Hagadorn.
Chaplain—Mrs. Albert Smith.
Rec. Secretary—Miss Alice Crippen.
Fin. Secretary—W. P. Richmond.
Treasurer—Mrs. Z. W. Gooding.
Herald—A. W. Richmond.
Deputy Herald—Edith VanBaskirk.
Guard—Miss Jose McLaughlin.
Sentinel—Jas. W. Hammond.
Med. Examiner—Louis N. Tuttle, M. D.
Trustees—Z. W. Gooding, C. W. Hammond, W. H. Holmes.

There will be a change of time on the Grand Trunk system next Sunday. Trains on the D. G. H. & M. will pass Ionia the same as heretofore but steamboat connections for Chicago and Milwaukee will be resumed at Grand Haven. On the T. S. & M. some radical changes will be made. Leaving Greenville going east there will be two passenger trains daily, at 6:40 and 10:40 a. m., besides a mixed train at 1:30 p. m. Going west express at 1:15 p. m., mixed at 7:00 a. m., and a passenger arriving from the east at 9:50 p. m., stopping there.

The editor of a contemporary who evidently is a believer in always looking on the bright side of everything writes: Now that kerosene is so high that we must go to bed early or sit in the dark, and the best parts of the haughty Texas steer are so steep that all we can afford to do is to merely look at it, let us at least be thankful that eggs are low enough to allow us to eat the yolk one day and the white of the egg the next without entirely depleting the family exchequer.

Last week Prof. Taylor, of Ann Arbor, sent out by the University faculty to examine schools, visited our high school and this week Mr. Hall received the following communication as a result of his visit.

Pres. Office, U. of M. ANN ARBOR, April 27.
Supt. of Schools, Belding, Mich.

DEAR SIR:—I take pleasure in saying that the committee on diploma schools have admitted your school to the diploma list for courses leading to the degrees of Ph. B., B. S. and B. L.

Yours Truly,
JAS. H. ANGELL.

Our streets are thronged with boys and girls at late hours of the night. No wonder that many parents find cause for grief in the blighted lives of children, for whose ruin their own neglect is largely responsible.—Ionia Standard. The same may be said of Belding and many other cities and villages.

The Palo Post is the latest acquisition to the list of Ionia county newspapers, a six column quarto. It is a big paper in a small town. Here's hoping Brother Wortman will make the town grow to it.

WILL PLAY BALL.

Belding Team Organized—W. H. Ricaby, Manager.

The boys are placing themselves in line for the coming season's recreation in the line of ball playing and as a preliminary, a very enthusiastic meeting was held in Madden & Ansbrough's barber shop, Friday night, at which there was a large attendance of lovers of the sport. W. H. Ricaby was selected as chairman of the meeting and Frank Holmes, secretary. The organization was effected by the election of W. H. Ricaby, manager, Frank Holmes, secretary and treasurer, Orlo Fish, captain, and Guy Weekes, property man. The name of "Beldings" was adopted for the team. The question of a base ball park was discussed and a committee was appointed to select suitable grounds and obtain a lease of the same.

There are a number of new ball players in the city who have expressed a willingness to become members of the organization and a very strong team will be put in the field. The names of such well known players are in the list: Orlo Fish, Chas. Madden, Guy Weekes, Cliff Oille, Jesse Crosby, G. W. Coville, and B. J. Knight.

Y. W. C. A. NOTES.

Gospel service Sunday afternoon at 4 o'clock. Mrs. W. A. Wilder leads. Topic, "Willingness to be used in God's service." 2 Cor. 8:12. Ladies old and young are welcome.

Board meeting Monday evening at 7:45. A full attendance is requested.

Reception to new members Wednesday evening. Old members are requested to be present, ready to extend the right hand of fellowship to our new sisters. Detroit wafers will be served.

This is the season of the year when the mankind side of the house should cultivate a Job-like disposition. House-cleaning time is here, when the carpet and the stove pipe will demand attention, and woe to the man who has not fortified himself against the invasion.

Wednesday was trout day and although the streams in which they live are not numerous around here, quite a number of them were brought in. Among those who tired themselves out in making a catch was Mayor Bricker, I. L. Hubbel, H. P. McElroy and O. Sylvester.

Kate Gilland died at E. E. Whitford's Monday, where she was boarding, aged 18 years, of scarlet fever. She had been in the employ of Belding Bros. & Co. for about two years, was a faithful operative, loved and respected by all who knew her. She was a daughter of Samuel Gilland, of Bethany, Gratiot Co., where the remains were taken for burial, Tuesday.

Fisk Bangs, the gentleman who bought out Cobb & Day, druggists, arrived Monday and took possession of the store. Mr. Bangs is a practical druggist, having had about nine years experience at the prescription case. For several years he was with Gardner & Robinson in Lansing and the past three years has been in Grand Lodge from which place he comes here. He has leased one of Professor Hall's houses and his family now occupies it. We are pleased to welcome them to Belding.

Mrs. H. C. Wilbur invited to her pleasant home, Saturday evening, a company of young people for a surprise on Jesse, who had that day attained the age of 22 years. They met at Geo. Crippen's and made their way to Mrs. Wilbur's at nine o'clock and were snugly esconced in the parlor when he and Miss Eply, who also was to share in the surprise, arrived. They professed to have caught on to the scheme. A very pleasant time was enjoyed. Mrs. Wilbur served excellent refreshments.

COMMON COUNCIL PROCEEDINGS.

BELDING, April 26, 1895.
Meeting called to order by Mayor Spencer. Roll call: Present Mayor Spencer, Alderman Arnwine, Jersey, Peck, Ireland. Absent Spencer, Bricker.

Minutes of meetings of April 12th and 15th read and on motion approved.
Chief of Police of fire department, who had been instructed to erect a new fire alarm, made a report recommending that the contract for the same be let to Geo. W. French, and on motion a committee of three, consisting of the city attorney, Chief of Police, and Alderman Jersey were appointed to make a contract with Mr. French. Yeas Arnwine, Jersey, Peck, Ireland—4. Nays none.

The petition of M. McNett, H. L. Page and 25 others, as follows, read.
We, the undersigned taxpayers on Washington street of the said city of Belding, humbly petition your honorable body that you cause the grade to be established and sidewalk built on the south side of said Washington street, from Hall street on the east to Front street on the west, within ninety days from and after this date.

Dated this 25th day of April, A. D. 1895.

On motion the prayer of the petitioners was granted. Yeas Arnwine, Jersey, Peck, Ireland—4. Nays none.

Request of Mrs. R. M. Wilson for permission to build a frame horse barn on her premises situated between Congress and Washington streets was on motion granted. Yeas Arnwine, Jersey, Peck, Ireland—4. Nays none.

Request of Chas. McLaughlin for permission to build a blacksmith shop building on Pleasant st. was on motion granted. Yeas Arnwine, Jersey, Peck, Ireland—4. Nays none.

The street commissioner was on motion instructed to have the three iron bridges in the city painted and see that they are in a proper state of repair. Yeas Arnwine, Jersey, Peck, Ireland—4. Nays none.

The following accounts were allowed:
W. W. Mitchell, salary for April, \$48 17
H. B. Wilcox, " " " " " " 37 50
G. S. Roosevelt, bal. on salary and rent to May 1, " " " " " " 22 50

C. R. Cowdin, salary \$3 mo., to 50 00
Weter-Wise Co., supplies for street com., 7 85
Belding Mfg. Co., 1 month pump service, 15 00
Wilson, Dimmick & Sinclair, lumber, 19 51

The BANNER, printing, 42 62
Star Publishing Co., printing, 8 23
Weter-Wise Co., repairs on fire department coats, 70

G. S. Roosevelt, expense sending boy to Goldwater, 2 00
Chas. Luce, digging two graves, 4 00
Romaine Robinson, inspector of election, 6 00

On motion council adjourned until Monday evening, May 6th.
C. R. COWDIN, City Clerk.

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| 2 " " " " " " | 104.00 |
| 3 " " " " " " | 156.00 |
| 4 " " " " " " | 208.00 |
| 5 " " " " " " | 260.00 |
| Total, \$1082.00 | |

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C. E. HILLS, Cashier.

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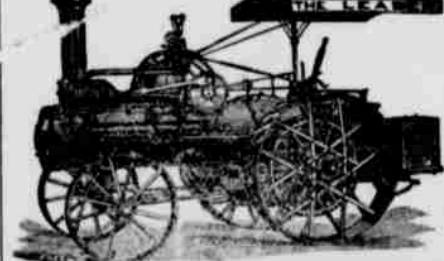
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| " " " " 5.00 " 4.25. | |

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